

POLITICAL GENIUS ONLY ABLE TO SAVE BULL MOOSE PARTY

Hand of Death Hangs Over
the Progressives Following
Tragedy at Chicago.

LEADERS UNABLE TO DECIDE

Cannot Find Way to Avoid Help-
ing Wilson and Keep Organi-
zation Intact.

By JOHN SNURE.

CHICAGO, June 12.—How to avoid helping Wilson, and how to keep the organization together, are the two things the Bull Moose leaders have been racking their brains about since the fatal message from Roosevelt conditionally declining the third party nomination.

Obviously, the two propositions conflict. So far, the disappointed and embittered Bull Moose chieftains have not worked them out. They will probably not work them out for some days. The problem may never be decided save as it is decided by the individual members of the Progressive party for themselves at the polls.

Most of the men, who, for years have fought alongside of Roosevelt—not all of them—have the same view of the Wilson Administration as he has. They are not only unwilling to support it, but are averse to doing anything which might tend to help on the reelection of Wilson and the continuance of the present political regime in power.

Third Ticket Would Help.
It presumably would help Wilson and hurt Hughes to put a third ticket in the field. Hence the unwillingness of many of the Progressives to name some one other than Roosevelt to head their ticket. To endorse Hughes as a party finds strong opposition among the irconcilables. To do nothing, means the organization which has been built up at the cost of so much effort, so much expense, so much sacrifice, so much heart blood, will go to pieces.

What to do about it all was threshed over in a conference of the Progressive leaders which lasted far into Sunday morning. At that conference were men like Pinchot, Fawcett, Vandenberg, and Johnson. What was said in those long hours when the doors were closed and feelings were laid bare would fill a book in fact, several in fiction. It was impossible to reach a decision.

It was clear, however, that none of the leaders has any notion the Colonel might reconsider and accept. "That possibility has gone down the stream," said one of the leaders later. "It is something of the past, and there is no use considering it."

Whether to draft one of the leaders like Pinchot, Murdock, or Johnson and command him to lead a forlorn hope was talked up one side and down the other.

The objects of the leaders, and one wanted to make the fight, and to make it would help the Democrats elect Wilson.

One view, however, which found some support was that as a matter of fact a third ticket in the field would simply keep from Wilson the votes of a considerable body of disgruntled Progressives, who would support Wilson if left to choose between him and Hughes, and would not keep as large a number from Hughes. It was pointed out Roosevelt would lead many Bull Moose to Hughes.

Thus the conference went on for hours and ended where it began, so far as evolving a plan of action was concerned.

Tragedy Not Minimized.
The tragic outcome of the movement begun so dramatically four years ago was too obvious to be minimized, and it was not. The Colonel's course was a grievous disappointment. It stunned and shocked the whole Progressive body. As one leader expressed it:

"When the Colonel's message was read to the Progressive convention, you could hear the hearts breaking in the silence."

While the leaders here referred to did not settle anything, it did serve to make it plain that the third party membership will be hopelessly split in any event. Nothing which is likely to happen now can keep the membership from going different political ways. It looks as if the hand of death were over the Bull Moose party, and as if it would gradually be resolved into something like its original elements.

If some political genius, some master of political maneuver, could find a way with a prescription which will prevent dissolution for a while, he will be more than welcome.

But all the trouble and tragedy and worry of former Boss Barnes in the Republican camp was a strange spectacle. Even some of his ancient enemies pitied Barnes—sick, shorn of power, broken politically. He cut comparatively little figure in this convention.

Now that Herbert Parsons has won out against him as national committee man, it is generally felt Barnes has lost his grip, and that the days of his bossism are gone forever.

Old Guard Quick To Line Up.
Then, too, while the Old Guard leaders engineered a situation, beginning months ago, to prevent the nomination of Roosevelt and in doing so promoted Hughes, few of them really wanted Hughes nominated.

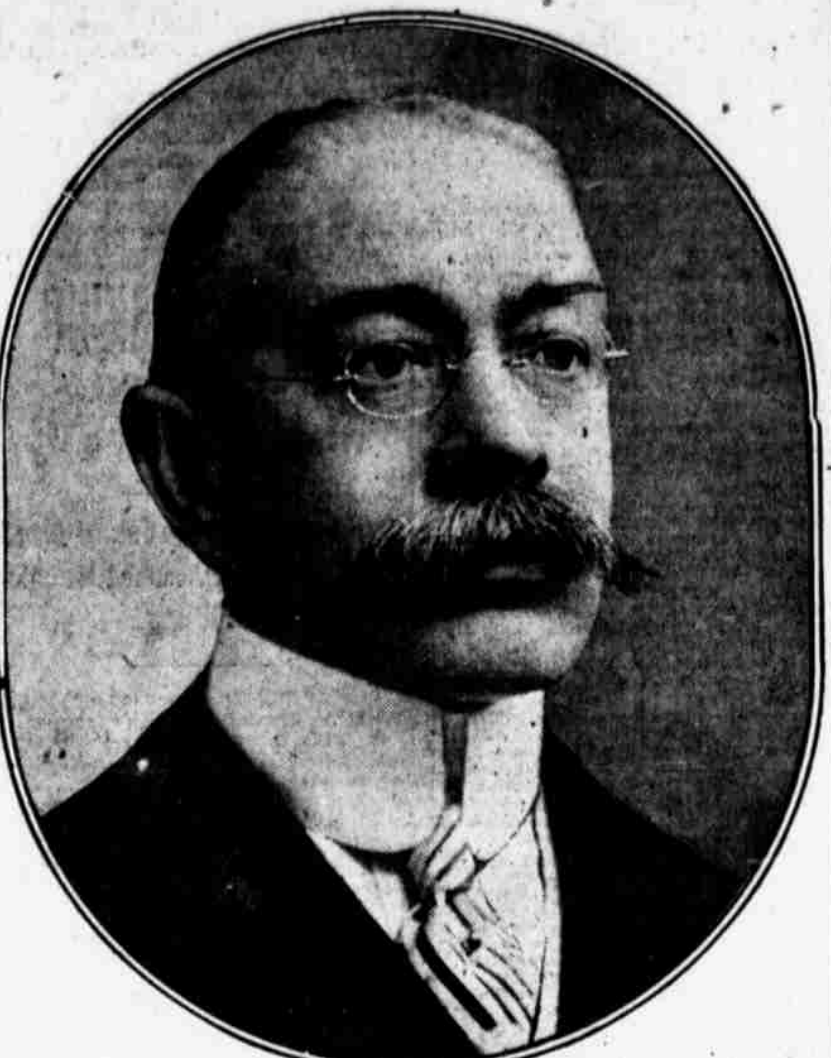
Penrose, McKinley of Illinois, Hemenway, Barnes and some others held out until they saw there was no way to stop Hughes. Once Hughes was nominated, then the one thing each Old Guard chief asked himself and his retainers was:

"How can I get the ear of Hughes?" When the Republican National Committee met after the convention, the subcommittee chosen to go and consult Hughes on the management of the campaign was made up chiefly of Old Guard field marshals.

McKinley of Illinois, who persistently fought Hughes, set in motion a plan to get on the right side of the nominee by having John Everman, who for years has been secretary to McKinley, picked as secretary to Hughes.

What each Old Guard leader wants is to have such a hand in the campaign

Wickersham Defends Hughes From Hyphen



GEORGE W. WICKERSHAM.

Former Attorney General Sees Cold Comfort for German-Americans in Nomination—Picks Justice to Win With United Party.

"Hyphenates will find cold comfort in the nomination of Justice Hughes for the Presidency," said George W. Wickersham, former Attorney General of the United States, in an interview at his summer home, Cedarhurst, Long Island, yesterday.

Wickersham, who is perhaps as close to Justice Hughes as any one in the nation, was elated at the outcome of the Chicago convention. He was amused at a story printed yesterday which said he had come direct from Washington after Hughes' nomination and went to see Colonel Roosevelt at the request of Justice Hughes.

"I came home on the Congressional Limited," he said, "but did not see Justice Hughes. The story that I went to Oyster Bay probably arose because of the fact that the train I boarded for Cedarhurst Saturday night goes to Oyster Bay, and some one probably saw me get aboard."

Sees Parties Re-united.
He was asked his opinion concerning the probable outcome of Justice Hughes' nomination in view of the fact that Colonel Roosevelt has refused to run on a third ticket.

"I look to the nomination of Justice Hughes to reunite the Republican party," he said. "I believe it will bring about a reunion of Republicans and Progressives. There will be some extremists in the Progressive party who will not support Mr. Hughes, I know, but there will be a practical amalgamation of the two parties."

What part of the Progressive vote as to put Hughes under what he considers will be deep obligations to him, obligations to be repaid in the White House.

Here it is strongly suspected that Governor Hughes, no novice in political strategy himself, will not be taken in by any of the numerous devices which are being framed to entrap him, and he is not going to let any set of the old leaders dominate him or dominate his campaign, and that he will be the real commander-in-chief.

The leaders of the Old Guard suspect this, too, and that's why they are lying awake nights to find a way to get in touch with the head of the ticket.

Wickersham Came Here To Sound Out Hughes
Former Attorney General George W. Wickersham, the United Press learned today, was the man at the Washington end of the Chicago-Washington line of communication who helped make the

do you think will not support Hughes?" "I have not had time to make an analysis of the situation sufficient to determine what per cent of the Progressive vote will not go to Hughes," Wickersham was asked about the possible influence of the hyphen vote on the Republican ticket and his attitude was called to the fact that the German-American Alliance and the German newspapers were supporting Hughes.

Discusses Hyphen Influence.
"I do not like to consider the possibility of the hyphen vote. The German indorsement on top of Hughes' speeches is probably due more to the wish than the expectation."

"I want to lay particular emphasis on the fact that Mr. Hughes' speeches praising the Germans were made before the war or the question of the hyphen had come to public attention. They were made while he was running for governor and before the question of primary allegiance to Germany and secondary allegiance to the United States on the part of the hyphenates had been considered. I repeat, the hyphenates will find nothing but cold comfort in the nomination of Mr. Hughes."

Wickersham was asked if he knew of any particular plan in the Republican platform which led him to think that votes would go from Wilson to Hughes.

"I believe Justice Hughes will be elected," was his reply. "Because he stands for a more vigorous assertion of Americanism than does Wilson."

Hughes' nomination at Chicago possible. Only today did it become known that, despite denials that politics was discussed when Wickersham called on Hughes last week, Wickersham's visit was to learn whether the Justice would accept should he be nominated on the first few ballots and without any hurry, free-for-all political maneuvering.

Wickersham, it was learned on unquestioned authority, told Justice Hughes his nomination was inevitable provided he would show the least sign that he would accept. The Justice refused absolutely to give an unequivocal yes. He also refused to say he would turn the nomination down.

But Wickersham, it is declared, "drew the impression" from his talk with Hughes, that the latter would accept and make the fight.

Accordingly, he communicated his "impression" to Frank Hitchcock in Chicago. Hitchcock, it was stated, was painstakingly shown that Hughes had refused openly to talk about his attitude. He was also told, however, that there was no doubt Hughes would accept. Hitchcock then planned his campaign for ballots accordingly.

G. O. P. DELEGATION BACK FROM CHICAGO

Hogan Blames Chapin Brown for
Failure to Get Seat—Com-
mittee Place Not Filled.

Whether the executive committee of the Republican national committee will take any steps to fill the vacant position of a committeeman from the District of Columbia, or leave the place vacant, is the subject of speculation among Republicans here today.

The sextet who sought vainly for seats as delegates from the District at the Chicago convention have returned to Washington, but they display little interest in the matter.

"No more for me, I'm out of politics," was the laconic declaration of Robert I. Miller.

"I don't know what the national committee will do, and I am taking no steps to urge any action," said Frank J. Hogan.

Sadder But Wiser.
In addition to these W. Calvin Chase, running mate of Miller; E. J. Williston, on the Hogan ticket, and Aaron Bradshaw and Charles Marshall have returned to the city. A sadder and maybe a wiser crew of politicians.

Hogan finds comfort in the assertion that it was mere mischance, plus the activities of Chapin Brown, former national committeeman from the District, that the Hogan ticket lost out.

The vote in the credentials committee, Mr. Hogan says, was 23 to 2, and two of those present delegates from Oklahoma and California, voted that the District have no representative by mistake.

Three votes he had pledged were absent, Mr. Hogan said. "Langley, of New York, and Hamilton, of Kentucky, were for us, but they thought our case did not come up until 9, whereas it had been moved ahead to 7 o'clock. The Hawaiian delegate had left a proxy for us which the committee refused to count."

"Impaled On Own Petard."
Mr. Hogan criticized Chapin Brown. He said:

"The charges that were made before the committee, or rioting and violence here, were absolutely untrue, and would have been laughable to anyone who had seen the primaries here. But the effect of those charges will be to handicap the District's efforts to get the franchise."

HUGHES OPENS HIS
CAMPAIGN QUIETLY

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victim. He showed that he was by mounting to the upper deck where the light was good, and moving about as the picture men directed.

William R. Wilcox, former chairman of the public service board, joined Hughes at the station and made the trip to the hotel with him.

Travis Whitney, member of the public service commission and a close friend of Hughes when the latter was governor, talked with the candidate for some time in the hotel suite.

On his arrival Hughes bought an armful of morning newspapers and read them with apparent interest.

Seems Like Old Days.
"It seems like the old days, when Hughes was governor," said W. C. Muehlenberg, manager of the Hotel Astor, today, as he smiled broadly at the prospective boom of business for his hostelry, which has been "out of politics" since Hughes went on the bench.

The old Hughes alliance of 1906 gave a demonstration of speed, and opened headquarters in the hotel early today.

Hughes occupied a suite, composed of a bedroom, sitting room, and bath. Robert H. Fuller, who was Hughes' secretary at Albany, appeared on the scene, and though he had no official authority, he announced that Hughes would see the reporters at 1 o'clock.

Patrolman Bridenau, who has been assigned to guard New York governors during their visits to the city, and who formerly guarded Hughes in that capacity, met the candidate at Jersey City and produced a pocketful of old Hughes buttons. He pinned one of these buttons on each member of the party.

Automobile Hits Boy.
While playing at Tenth and R streets northwest last evening, Jess Flax, four years old, of 1713 Tenth street northwest, was struck by an automobile, and suffered a fractured rib.

The operator of the machine, whose name was not learned, drove the child to the Garfield Hospital.

PLANS UNCERTAIN, HUGHES DECLARES

Nominee, in New York, Says He
Cannot Discuss Committee
Chairmanship.

NEW YORK, June 12.—"Will Frank Hitchcock be chairman of the national committee?" Charles Evans Hughes was asked today by a United Press reporter.

"I can't say anything on that just now," replied the candidate with a smile.

"Will you see Colonel Roosevelt?" "I can't say anything on that either," said Hughes.

He was in high good humor and evidently is overjoyed at his return to active politics in the roll of Republican Presidential nominee. He wore a gray business suit and a gray tie, appearing well-groomed.

His beard is gray and sparse. It is not nearly so thick and heavy as it is shown in pictures not taken recently. There is still the distinct part down the center of the chin and a tendency toward curling at the edges. But it is not nearly such a predominant factor in his appearance as it was in the old days. It might be said to be only slightly reminiscent of the heavy black brush that became famous in the days of the insurance investigation.

Plans Uncertain.
"My plans for the immediate future are rather uncertain. Perhaps I shall stay here in New York for a few days. You know I live in New York," said Hughes.

"Then your sudden trip, overnight from Washington, was something like coming home?"

"Yes, it was coming back home," he replied. "It seems natural to be here and to see so many of my friends."

"Can you tell us what the thrills are

like when a man is drafted by a great party as its candidate for the biggest job on earth?" asked the reporter.

"I can only say that there are certain circumstances under which a matter of duty is extremely clear and leaves no grounds for hesitancy," replied Hughes.

"There is no question in this situation as to what I should do, and in my announcement to the country, I endeavored to make my attitude clear, and I do not know yet just when it will be made."

Poses For Snapshots.
Half a dozen camera men asked Hughes to pose at the Astor Hotel today, and he readily agreed. They took about a dozen snaps each and then he said:

"Haven't you got enough, boys?" "Not yet, Judge, just one more now," replied a photographer. "Please give us a smile."

The request was unnecessary, as Hughes was all smiles today. He posed again, and the walked briskly back to his rooms, waving to the newspaper men.

Henry W. Taft, brother of the former President, was one of the early callers at the Hughes suite today. He was followed by Albert B. Page, county supreme court justice, and J. Adams Brown, president of the New Netherlands Bank, both personal friends of the candidate.

ILLINOIS WOMEN
ASKED TO AID HUGHES

Mrs. Logan Urges Them to Form
Clubs to Work for G. O. P.

All the Illinois women living in Washington are invited to attend a meeting Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Ellis Logan, 1233 Irving street northwest, to organize a Hughes-Fairbanks women's club.

The object of the club, Mrs. Logan said today, will be to get the Illinois women here working in the Hughes-Fairbanks campaign. Illinois women can vote for President, and Mrs. Logan will ask every one in Washington to write to the women in her Congressional district urging them to form Hughes-Fairbanks clubs.

"There are about 700 Illinois women living in the District," Mrs. Logan said today, "and if they all will unite and

use their influence on the women back home, they can do much toward winning Illinois for the Hughes-Fairbanks ticket."

Mrs. Logan plans to ask Illinois women in other states to form similar organizations. "I know sixty women from my own district," said she, "who have moved to California during the last five or six years, and I have written them asking them to get busy and do there what we are planning to do here."

Mrs. Logan, who is a native of Sterling, Ill., said she expects to return home next November and cast her vote for Mr. Hughes.

Marine Fireman Wanted.
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